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SUBJ: CAMEROONIAN MILITARY EQUIPMENT PRIORITIES

REF: (A) YAOUNDE 3005, (B) STATE 133136

1. JULY 18 I MET WITH GENERAL SEMENGUE, INSPECTOR GENERAL OF ARMY, IN ATTEMPT FURTHER IDENTIFY RADAR EQUIPMENT SUITABLE FOR FIXED INSTALLATION FOR COASTAL (SHIP) SURVEILLANCE (ITEM 2D IN REFTEL A). ALSO PRESENT WAS UNIDENTIFIED NAVY LIEUTENANT.

2. BASIS FOR DISCUSSION WAS "JANE'S WEAPON SYSTEMS 1977." EXAMINATION OF GROUND AND NAVAL RADAR SECTIONS FAILED TO REVEAL ANY MODEL WHICH CONFORMED TO CAMEROONIAN REQUIREMENTS. THESE REQUIREMENTS WERE DESCRIBED AS PROVIDING UP TO NINETY NAUTICAL MILES' COVERAGE. ONE RADAR IS TO BE MOUNTED OUTSIDE VICTORIA TOWARDS CAPE DENDSHA (PERHAPS ON LITTLE MOUNT CAMEROON) TO PROVIDE COVERAGE OF MACIAS NGUEMA BIYOGO ISLAND AND CALABAR ESTUARY. THE OTHER IS TO BE MOUNTED OUTSIDE KRIBI TO PROVIDE COVERAGE OF SAME ISLAND AND CAMEROONIAN COAST TO SOUTH. GENERAL SEMENGUE SAID THEY DID NOT WANT SOPHISTICATED AND HARD-TO-MAINTAIN UNIT, BUT

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SOMETHING UNCOMPLICATED THAT WOULD GIVE THEM BASIC COVERAGE. UNITS MUST BE RUGGED AND ABLE FUNCTION HUMID ATMOSPHERE. HE OBSERVED THAT CAMEROON HAS AN OIL PRODUCTION PLATFORM OFFSHORE NEAR THE NIGERIAN BORDER AND, IN ADDITION TO ANY THREATS TO SHORE INSTALLATIONS, THEY WISHED TO INSURE THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO DETECT ANY MENACE TO THIS FACILITY.

3. ON FURTHER REFINEMENTS WITH RESPECT MILITARY EQUIPMENT LIST,
GENERAL SEMENGUE SAID HE HAD LEARNED THAT THERE IS AN AN/PRC 99
MANUFACTURED BY LIBERTY INTERNATIONAL ELECTRONICS OF NEW YORK
WHICH GURC WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER AS LATERNATIVE TO AN/PRC/77
(ITEM 2C REFTEL A).

4. PLEASE ADVISE WITH APPROXIMATE PRICING INFORMATION ON THESE
TWO ITEMS (PARAS 2 AND 3 ABOVE) ASAP.

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